

The Sydney Morning Herald.

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Births.

MURKIN—March 1, at her residence, Walders, Botany, the wife of John M. Murkin, of a daughter.
PURCELL—February 21, at her residence, 3, Wetherstone-street, Burleighurst, the wife of F. J. Purcell, of a son, stillborn.

Marriages.

BEEKEVOLD—BRUCE—February 20, at St. Bridget's, Kent-street, by the Rev. Mr. T. C. Tandy, of the Congregational Church, to Miss Rosina Bruce, native of United States of America.

HUGGERAL—SILK—February 10, at the Sacred Heart Church, by the Rev. T. Leonard, of a son, of Mr. C. Flanagan, of Cork, Ireland, to Kate, eldest daughter of Mr. John Silk, of Berry Hill.

GRENHILL—HOOG—February 24, at St. James's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Mr. J. P. Moore, of a son, of Mr. G. Grenhill, of America, to Elizabeth, fourth daughter of Stephen Hoog, Esq., late of Binders, New South Wales.

Deaths.

DUNN—Feb. 27, Amanda Villa, St. Peter's, Jamison Avenue, wife and daughter of Captain John and Jennette Dunn, 12 months and 12 days.

HUTCHINS—February 28, at his residence, Cockatoo Island, Tom Hutchins, aged 70 months and 17 days.

MANN—March 1, at Auckland, New Zealand, Mrs. Thomas Mann, aged 70 years.

MURKIN—March 1, at her parents' residence, 131, Castlereagh-street, Darlinghurst, the late daughter of C. and A. L. Murphy, aged 20 years.

SIMPSON—February 20, at the residence of his parents, No. 6, Wellington-street, Campsie, James Patrick, the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, of Elizabeth, fourth daughter of Stephen Hoog, Esq., late of Binders, New South Wales.

Shipping.

PACIFIC—M. I. S. S. C. O. OVERLAND ROUTE OF GREAT BRITAIN THROUGH AMERICA. Under Contract with the N. S. W. and N. Z. Governments. ATLANTIC, 1878.

W. CARGILL, Commander.

Will be dispatched on THURSDAY next, carrying her Majesty's mails and passengers to Auckland, Honolulu, and San Francisco. Details will be given in San Francisco, issued by the underwriters.

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THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, STEAM TO MELBOURNE.

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Announcements.
VICTORIAN THEATRE
Stage Manager ... Mr. Edmund Holloway.

SEVENTH AND 19TH FEBRUARY ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. and Mr. F. M. BATES,
(prior to their departure for America).

SECOND REPRESENTATION

OF THE PSYCHOSCOPE

The Psychoscope
The Psychoscope,
received on its production Saturday night
WITH LOUD APPLAUSE.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT

To-night To-night
The novel and sensational drama
THE PSYCHOSCOPE.

WITH NEW SCENERY
WONDERS OF MECHANISM
STARTLING EFFECTS.

THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, 8d March,
will be repeated the Comedy-Drama,

PHILIP HUNDY, (with scenes by Mr. F. M. BATES)

LUCY ROYALTON (with scenes by the powerfully Company now playing at the

Victor Theatre.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Dress circle, 2s; stalls, 1s 6d; family circle, 1s 6d; pit-and

gallery, 1s; boxes, 1s 6d; carriages for 10s 6d.

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THEATRE ROYAL

Lessee and Manager ... Mr. Samuel Lazar

Stage Manager ... Mr. H. N. Jones

Scenic Artist ... Mr. W. J. Wilson

Leader of Orchestra ... Mr. W. Rice.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. SAMUEL LAZAR, in co-operation with an almost universally

expressed wish that he should, if possible, induce the well-known Actor,

Mr. SAM. EMERY

to come to New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.,

to give, temporarily, his visit to New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.,

He has succeeded.

Mr. SAM. EMERY

APPEALED

THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, 8d March, 1879,

will be given the new drama of CAPTAIN EDWARD CUTTLE,

in two parts, by the author,

EDITH DOMNEY.

GLAND COMEDY WEEK.

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) and WEDNESDAY,

the Comedy of MARRIED LIFE,

RACHEL COODLE ... MR. SAM. EMERY

THURSDAY and FRIDAY,

the Comedy of THE SCHOOL OF REFORM.

ROBERT TYRE ... MR. SAM. EMERY.

At Nicholson and Ascherberg, George-street.

SAMUEL LAZAR,

NOTICE.

IN PREPARATION,

GRAND SPECTACULAR EFFECT,

THE P. COOKE PRIZEMADAMA

INTENSE INTEREST

ENTITLED "THE CORI;"

OR, THE SPANISH ARMADA,

MR. SAM. EMERY

MARTIN TRIGUEZ.

QUEEN'S THEATRE

Lessee ... Mr. H. Leggatt.

ON SATURDAY EVENING,

last one of the largest and most brilliant plays taken place within

the walls of the QUEEN'S THEATRE,

to which the Queen, FARNON,

and their entry on the stage will

THE TENDERS OF ALICE,

and before 8 o'clock the management were

hung up all entrances of the theatre

FULL.

TONIGHT.

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MONDAY, March 3d,

and no more notice

until further notice.

NEW CONRAD

AND LIZETTE.

CONRAD SCHULZER PERFOLOZZOFF (his original character

with Songs and Dances).

C. J. FARRON

ELIZETTE (with songs and dances).

ARTHUR COOKE, Mrs. CHAS. MORTON

D. D. OSEY BROWN

ABEL BROWN,

His first appearance in Australia.

Mr. J. W. ELLIOTT

BILL HOLLAND.

DREDGE WOLSTENHOLME,

AMES, R. E. RYAN

MR. G. C. COOKE

Tata, bye-bye.—T. J. FARRON

Comic Medley Duet (arranged and composed by P. F. Baker)—Baker and Farron.

During the drama Messrs. BAKER and FARRON will introduce the following "new" songs:—

"LEITTLE BABY MINIE,"—P. F. BAKER

"THE DAY I LEAV'D CRICKET,"—T. J. FARRON,

And the following old favourites:—

Beer, Beer!—P. F. Baker and Company

My love, you must know you—T. J. FARRON

My love, you must know

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS—March 1.
Monaro (s.), 500 tons, Captain J. Shand, from Merimbula, Two-fold Bay, Tasmania, and a Wollongong. Passengers—Mrs. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. McPhee, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Wilmett, Sports, Vetter, and 5 in the steerage. 1. S. N. Co., agents.
Ansell, barque, 200 tons, Captain Poulen, from Kiapara, 15th
February. Moolie at Moolie on March 2.

Yankee (s.), 741 tons, Captain D. H. Hussey, from Rockhampton, 1st class, 100 tons coal, 100 tons flour, 100 tons timber, Kennedy, Mrs. W. G. H. Mrs. Goldstein and child, Miss Eddie, Mr. John Cribb, and 6 in the steerage. W. H. Smith, agent.
Richmond (s.), 30 tons, Captain Ward, from the Richmond River, 2nd class. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Lipton, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Canne on, Mrs. Black, Messrs. Cameron, Conch, Hodges, Mr. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. and G. B. Nicoll, agents. MARCH 2.

City of Grafton (s.), Captain F. Briscoebridge, from Grafton. Passengers—Misses Miller, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Deutscher, Miss Mattie Daniels, Miss May, Misses Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Young, E. H. Kelly, G. Dwyer, H. A. Sister, C. C. Clark, C. J. Keast, A. Fred, W. E. Morrison, J. Morgan, W. Butt, A. Gray, D. S. Sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. Miller, Professor Stanhope, C. and R. H. S. and Co. agents.

DEPARTURES—March 2.
Ly-e-Moon (s.), for Brisbane.
Katoomba (s.), for Sydney.

C. E. BLAERNTZ—March 1.

Ly-e-Moon (s.), 1900 tons, Captain C. E. Blaerntz, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. (1st class), Mr. and Mrs. Mechem, Mrs. Sister, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Deutscher, Miss Mattie Daniels, Miss May, Misses Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Young, E. H. Kelly, G. Dwyer, H. A. Sister, C. C. Clark, C. J. Keast, A. Fred, W. E. Morrison, J. Morgan, W. Butt, A. Gray, D. S. Sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. Miller, Professor Stanhope, C. and R. H. S. and Co. agents.

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COASTERS INWARDS—March 1.

Catherine Agnes and Industry, from Newcastle; Prince Alfred, for Port Stephens; Queen (s.), for Coffs Cliff; County of Cuyahoga, Lake Erie; and a schooner, 100 tons, from the Murray River; Sea Fox, for Manning River; Good Intent, for Hawkesbury River; Woombana (s.), for Bell; Rock and Thistle (s.), for Taree; and a schooner, 100 tons, from the Hunter River; Queen; and a lugger, 100 tons, from the Clarence River; Myall and Lady of Lorn, for Nambucca River; True Blue, for Tweed River.

A special charge is made for *coastguards' announcements* in this column.

March 3.

City of Grafton (s.), 1800 bales bags, 1000 bags tin, 70 ignis tin, 20 bags wool, 50 bags oil, 100 bags starch, 100 bags bananas, 7 cases eggs, 91 pockets flour, 104 boxes, 11 bags salt, 13 pipes 10 cases eggs, 9 coops fowls, 4 cases tallow, and 2000 boxes.

Ex Falcon: 6 tanks New Kent hop; 22 cases North Wiltshire and Cheshire cheese; 12 cases prime York ham and bacon—W. H. Arroll, Sydney.

Ansell, from Kiapara: 170,000 feet timber.

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Ly-e-Moon (s.), 25 cases Willow and Arroll's celebrated prize biscuits and Canterbury cakes—W. H. Arroll, Sydney.

Ex Melanesia: 100 half-harvest white herrings; 150 cases 5 puncheons lime; 25 bags Thomas' canvas; 700 cases Walker's rum; 100 cases flour; 300 cases sugar; 100 cases salt; 83 cases earthenware; 74 cases glass; 35 hogheads chittas; 80 cases patent toy jars; 27 packages ranges, stoves, and Kent grates; 100 cases coal; 200 cases iron; 200 cases copper; 4 packages cutlery and E. P. crucifix; 367 packages hardware; 142 packages American hardware—Mason Brothers.

Clyde-River—Entered Oceans, March 1. Ly-e-Moon (s.), 745 tons, Captain Brown, from Melbourne; Arroll, schooner, 132 tons, Captain Brown, for South Island.

Balmain on Saturday morning, at 8.45.

The P. M. S. Zealandia arrived at San Francisco on the 26th ultimo.

The Yung (s.) left Brisbane on Thursday, February 27th, at 2 p.m., and arrived at Sydney about 6 a.m. on the 28th instant. Experienced light winds, cloudy weather, and a strong shower. The Yung (s.) left Sydney at 10 a.m. on the 29th instant, and arrived at the Company's wharf, Sydney, at midnight same date, having been driven by a strong south wind with a heavy swell from the S.E.

The steamer had made northwardly when a

strong southerly gale with high seas was experienced.

The steamer Ly-e-Moon (s.) on her respective passages on Saturday.

The steamer Kermala, bringing up 55 cedar logs, 1000 bags sacks, 4000 bags, 1000 bags flour, 1000 bags molasses, 8 coops fowls, 6 cases eggs, 10 pigs, and sundries. She sailed on the 26th ultimo, and arrived at Sydney yesterday morning, having been driven by a strong south wind with a heavy swell from the S.E.

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his great sorrow by her removal. He was on New Guinea when the last letters were received from him. She was interred at Haslam's Creek. The Revs. W. Slattery, A. G. Fry, A. W. Murray took part in the funeral services, and Captain Turpin and other friends stood round the grave, and paid their last tribute to the memory of a faithful and valuable missionary's wife.

A clear case of determined suicide occurred at Bondi on Saturday. Two men, named George Wilson, and Amos Fogden, while fishing off the beach in the afternoon, found a dead body in the sand, about thirty feet above high water mark. The corpse was lying on its left side, and in the right temple was a bullet wound, which had evidently been the cause of death. The left hand grasped a five-chambered revolver, two chambers of which were loaded with percussion cartridges. The other chambers were empty, and appeared to have been quite recently discharged. As soon as the police were acquainted with the discovery of the body vigorous inquiries were instituted to ascertain who the suicide was, but they have been as far unavailing. The following is a description of the deceased:—About 35 years of age, 5 ft. 7 inches in height, and of a medium build; hair and whiskers brown. He was dressed in a black coat, dark twined trousers, striped cotton shirt, with a flannel skirt underneath, and on the feet were brown socks and elastic-side boots. A pipe, a pocket-knife, and 16s. 1d. in money were found in the pockets. The body has been removed to the Morgue pending an inquest.

The inquest on the body of the man found bleeding to death on the beach-manly, last Thursday, was held at the Brecknock Arms Hotel, on Saturday morning. The name of Patrick Dwyer, which the deceased gave before his death, was a false one, his real name, it is stated by two witnesses who identified him, being Patrick Cravigan. The two witnesses in question were William Beattie, the landlord of the "Gardener's Arms" Hotel in York-street, and a Mrs. Thomas, a widow who had known the deceased many years. Mrs. Thomas stated that the deceased had been a boundary rider at Albion; he came down to Sydney about a month ago, since which time he had been drinking heavily. Witness lent him a pound on Monday. On Wednesday morning she lent him half-a-sovereign, he was going to the bank, saying that he would get a draft from Albion. His manner never caused any suspicion in witness' mind that he intended to commit suicide, but when she saw him on Wednesday, he said if he did not get money he should go mad. During the time deceased was in Sydney he repeatedly asked witness to marry him, but she had refused, assigning his drunken habits as a reason for so doing. The statements of Finn, the person who found the body at Manly, Dr. O'Reilly, and constable Carton were similar in effect to those we have already published. The jury found that the deceased died from hemorrhage, the result of a self-inflicted wound.

Three fires have taken place in the Metropolitan district since Saturday afternoon. The first was at Randwick, on Saturday night, and resulted in the total destruction of a four-roomed weatherboard house.

About 11 o'clock a glare was seen in the sky in the direction of Randwick by the members of the Insurance Fire Brigade, a number of whom proceeded to the spot with the small engine. On arrival they found the fire was confined to a small weatherboard house in the scrub, near the residence of Mr. Watkin, J.P. By the time the engine arrived, the house, being of wood and very inflammable was burnt to the ground. The house fortunately was empty and unoccupied, and it has not yet been discovered who the owner is or whether the building is insured. Nothing is known as to how the fire originated. Yesterday morning a fire broke out at the Brecknock Arms Hotel, Lower George-street, under somewhat peculiar circumstances. Mrs. Ross, the landlady, was in the back balcony of the hotel, when she perceived a light in the room behind her. On entering the apartment she found a box of clothes in front of the fire-place in flames. There was no fire in the grate, which was occupied by some clothing and a quantity of plate. This clothing was entirely destroyed, as well as the chief part of what was in the box, and the silver plate was melted before the flames were extinguished. Mrs. Ross estimated her loss at over £30. The origin of the fire is involved in mystery, the only theory which could account for it being the fall of sparks down the flue from an adjacent chimney in the stack. The third conflagration took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of a basketmaker named Isaac Rogers, at the rear of No. 389, Castlereagh-street. The fire was caused by defective brickwork in the smoke flue, and the damage consisted of the destruction of about £15 worth of shingle roofing.

Early on Saturday morning the inhabitants of Upper Prince-street were aroused from sleep by repeated shrieks issuing from a house occupied by a married couple named Maguire. The cause of the screams was soon apparent, for Mrs. Maguire came rushing out of the house with her clothing on fire. The flames were soon extinguished, but not before she was severely burnt. She was conveyed to the Infirmary, where her depositions were taken before a magistrate. Subsequently, Maguire, the husband of the injured woman, was brought before the Bench at the Water Police Court, and charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on his wife. He was subsequently remanded for a week. The unfortunate woman is still at the Infirmary, and little hope is entertained for her life.

A few miles to the west of the colony, the American spirit of enterprise could be infused into our governing bodies the public works of the colony would probably be far better carried out than they are at present. An excellent example of the backward state of things in Sydney in this respect is furnished by the works in connection with the reclamation of Rushcutters Bay. This bay, formerly an unwholesome swamp much resembling at low water both to the eye and nose the old Blackwattle swamp, is being reclaimed as far as low water mark, to form a pleasant recreation ground for the inhabitants of the eastern suburbs. There are but few, we imagine, who would find fault with such a praiseworthy undertaking, but the fact is that an excellent work may be performed in a very objectionable manner. To raise the level of such a large area as is intended some 4 or 5 feet requires many thousands of tons of material, all of which is being taken from sandstone quarries on the Glenmore Road. These quarries are about a quarter of a mile distant from Rushcutters Bay in a straight line; but as the road is circuitous and winding, the distance is at least double. The Glenmore Road is in sandy soil, and fat from well made, and as the carts (loaded with material) have to traverse a portion of it about a quarter of a mile in length before reaching the quarry, the surface of the road way has lost all pieces and turned into a desert of sand, in which the heavy carts sink half a foot or more; and as the road is up-hill it becomes an absolute necessity either to add an extra horse to the dray or diminish the load very considerably. On leaving Glenmore Road the carts follow the South Head Road for a quarter of a mile. This being the main road, is necessarily kept in trim, but the carts, with the weight of five scholars and readers. There have been as many as sixty. But occasionally there are removals from place to place in the teaching classes. New cases are, however, added to the regular class, and in some distant places are reached and it becomes known that there is such a teacher, it is probable that many more will be found.

One difficulty in carrying on the work is the want of books. But as we are shortly expecting to receive from Dr. Moon a supply of various publications, this difficulty will be easily overcome. This supply will be provided by friends of which will kindly lend me my disposal by the end of September, £4,250 10s. having been thus appropriated; the remainder to the support of the Missionary.

THE MISSION FOR TEACHING THE BLIND TO READ.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir.—With regard to the growls from here of "Patience" in the *Herald* of 19th instant, let me hold up my pictures in another light.

First, with regard to the non-erection of the post and telegraph office. The Postmaster-General's attention having been drawn to two eligible sites—the one allotted to by "Patience" and another, the opposite end of the same allotment—another was selected, and the former was allotted to an officer sent to see and inquire. I believe £500 were asked for the former, and £500 for the latter. These figures being considered too high, the then Postmaster-General determined to obtain a portion of the Market Reserve. It was therefore agreed, that I should be directed to call upon Mr. Baker, and I believe, as the corner site reduced his figure to £400, while another offered an allotment for which I understand he had but recently given £300, for £250. Equally unreasonable sums were asked for other lots. "Patience" considers that the sum that was demanded for the larger allotment was £100, and that it would be an advancement to give it. Let the public judge when it is stated that an equally good site upwards of three acres planted with fruit trees and vines with a complete residence, including numerous outbuildings, is in the market for £500. This will include the cost of land in the allotment, and a Government has no power to be saved or body to be kicked. It is supposed, however, to have a power that may be pled to any extent. Should the department ultimately decide on building on the Market Reserve it will, I suppose, be a good opportunity for the Government to sell a site at all. The idea of the Postmaster-General taking of the position being "entirely away from the business centre," as if the proprietors of the two or three stores, &c., would be greatly inconvenienced in sending a hundred yards further than what they have been accustomed to do, and giving up about four-fold time is a mere bugbear, as such situations are not uncommon. Passengers not choosing to wade through a foot or so of water over a sound bridge, might have to go a more round-about way, and surely this would be rather an advantage, than a disadvantage. The public, however, will do what it can, and it is to be hoped that there is such a teacher, it is probable that many more will be found.

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Mr. Prentiss is about to visit Bathurst, Orange, and other places in the West, for the promotion of his mission next week.

I am, yours faithfully,
WILLIAM M. COWPER.
Dorothy, February 27.

A NEW TAX.—The Hague correspondent of the *Independence Belge* says that the Dutch Government intends to establish a tax on capital invested in stock in order to cover the deficit in the budget. The project of law will be submitted to the States next February.

On the 1st of March of every year the holders and owners of all kinds will have to make a declaration of what they possess.

On the amount of the capital value declared by the holder or calculated by the tax-collector will be levied provisionally 1 per cent a year, to be increased according as may be necessary for balancing the budget. Capital below £100 dollars will be exempted.

The holders will have to declare themselves ready to make oath as to the truth of their declaration, and every year a certain number will be designated for taking the oath. Recalcitrants and defaulters will be punished with fines and imprisonment.

THE "SYDNEY MAIL" PRIZE TALE.

Early last year the proprietors of the *Sydney Mail* announced their intention of offering a prize of £100 for the best competitive tale, written by a colonial author. In response, and in compliance with the specified conditions, no fewer than between sixty and seventy works, of more or less excellence, were forwarded to this office. The onerous task of perusing this immense mass of manuscript was entrusted to a thoroughly competent literary authority, whose labours resulted in the selection of three of the tales—any one of which, in his opinion, would entitle its author to the prize. In this difficulty the proprietors of the *Mail* sought the assistance of a gentleman of acknowledged literary ability, whose name and reputation, they considered, would be the surest guarantee that the most meritorious work would be selected, and consequently that justice would be done to the competitor. The Hon. W. B. Dayley kindly undertook to draw upon the merits of the three tales; and, in the following note, addressed to the proprietors, he gives his opinion of the novel which, according to his judgment, is the most entitled to the prize:

"I have read the three selected stories and have come without any difficulty, to the conclusion that '*Luke Miver's Harvest*' is the one for your prize. It is, in my judgment, a very powerful and original story; and I shall watch with some eagerness of expectation the disclosure of the name of the author. There are scattered all over the world, I dare say, a dozen or more tales which one can mistake and to which none can be inferior. It is open to one objection (which may have for its foundation a too rapid performance of the work), and that is a want of self-restraining on the part of the writer. A noble imagination, and a fine gift of narrative, are not enough to sustain a story. There is a too intense vigour and beauty—fancy for forms of expression, which although never wanting in strength, suggest a suspicion of perfect good taste, and a fondness for every quirkiness of epithet and unfamiliar terminology, which are not always in accordance with the sense of the story. But the author of '*Luke Miver's Harvest*' has a masterly command of language, and a fund of knowledge of the scenes he describes, which are well known to him, and which he uses with great effect. The scenes of Australian scenery and the sketches of colonial society seem to be very masterly; and the whole composition is, without a doubt, far above the average writing of English periodical literature."

As already stated, Mr. Walter Swan, a journalist, of Stawell, Victoria, is the author of "*Luke Miver's Harvest*". Mr. Dayley also writes in very laudatory terms of the two other tales, named respectively "The Captain's Charge," and "Entangled for Life," both of which he says are "quite equal to many of the tales published in magazines."

The publication of the prize story will be commenced in this week's *Mail*.

BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir.—Figures may be made to prove anything. We have had a sworn return of the banks on the 26th; but have now a corrected return on the 26th; but is it a correct return?

The modern system of keeping accounts consists in keeping amounts, and if they turn up again after divers movements, it is evident that they are correct. But the auditors certify that they are so. But the public remain puzzled because the best auditors have certified to the correctness of all the great frauds of the age, and I yet expect to see some bold man flourishing his penulations to the public, and saying that the money must be his because the auditor says so.

Now the present returns show two columns which to my judgment should present the same totals, viz., "Balances due to other banks," and "Balances due from other banks."

The Bank of Australasia does not admit that she owes other banks, or that there is any such thing. The Bank owes nothing to other banks, but other banks owe her £589,931. 2d.; all the remaining banks are both debtors and creditors of other banks.

She owes other banks £23,314,000 nearly! How this possible or probable, unless all the best auditors have certified to the correctness of all the great frauds of the age, and I yet expect to see some bold man flourishing his penulations to the public, and saying that the money must be his because the auditor says so.

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Auction Sales.

TUESDAY, 6th March, at 11 a.m.
The New Sale Rooms, Spring and O'Connell streets.
SHIPMENT OF VERY CHOICE FRENCH PORCELAIN,
EX-YARNA YARNA,
comprising—
HANDSOME Service pieces
ELEGANT Dessert Services
CHOICE Toilet ditto
Cocaine
Jars and Pitches
ELEGANT Boudoir Sets
Cachepots
Candestricks
and
CHOICE Statuettes.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have been favoured with instructions from the importers to sell by auction at their New Sale Rooms, Spring and O'Connell streets, on TUESDAY, 6th March, at 11 a.m.,
SHIPMENT OF VERY CHOICE FRENCH PORCELAIN.

FISH, FISH, FISH.

Prime Fresh Shipments.

JUST IN TIME FOR LENT.

SALETED SALMON

PRESERVED ditto.

Now Landing, ex Bothwell Castle.

FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, ON ACCOUNT AND RISK OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, A SOON AS LANDED,
At the MACQUARIE BOND, CIRCULAR QUAY (East),
100 HORNBY ROAD, BRISBANE, BELLEVUE,
500 lbs per salt salmon,
100 cases, each 400 tins TINA SALMON.

TO WHOLESALE and RETAIL GROCERS, and
SPECULATORS.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have received instructions to sell by auction, at the Macquarie Bond, as soon as landed,
A SHIPMENT OF PRIME SALMON, as above, just arrived, ex Bothwell Castle, B.C.

NO RESERVE.

Preliminary Notice.

THURSDAY, 8th March, at 11 a.m.

ATTRACTIVE SALE OF VERY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GLASS, CHINA PLATE, SPLENDID EARD PIANOFORTE, &c.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have been favoured with instructions from Alexander D. Doy, Esq., to sell by auction, at his residence, Crescent-street, Lavender Bay, near McMahons Point, on THURSDAY, 8th March, at 11 a.m.,
The whole of their CHINA, GLASS, and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS and splendid EARD PIANOFORTE.

P A R A M A T T A.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

GREAT DRAPERY SALE.

Mr. JOHN WHITWORTH'S

STOCK IN TRADE,

at the Premises,

Rooms, Colonnade, George-street,

GENERAL DRAPERY

WINTER GOODS

&c., &c.

Positive sale and early terms.

Mr. WHITWORTH having retired from business will shortly leave for England. JOHN TAYLOR, Auctioneer, Two days' sale—MUNDAY, 1st, TUESDAY, 2nd March.

For Furniture Warehouses and General Dealers.

TO-MORROW, Tuesday, 8th instant, at 11.

Furniture, Framework, CHIMNEY GLASSES
DRAWING GLASSES, Oil PAINTINGS
GILT and MAPLE-FRAMED ENGRAVINGS
BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS
FELT CARPETS, FURNISHING GOODS, &c.

CHAS. MOORE and CO. will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 151, Pitt-street, TO-MORROW, Tuesday, 8th instant.

Inland oval tables

Birch and walnut dressing tables with marble wash-

stands, &c.

Inland corner whist-

Handsome bedroom chairs and easy chair

Twin pedestal wash-

Half-circle marble-top wash-

O. G. Hodge, bergere chairs

Drawing room chairs, couch, and 2 chairs

ditto ditto, with 6 small chairs to match

Carved floor top, large medallions, and other modern styles

Mahogany oak dining-room suites, very new

Handsome carved walnut occasional chair frames

Occasional and coffee tables, upholstered

Gold gilt picture frames, massive frames, 70 x 50,

60 x 45, 50 x 35,

Black and gold ditto, early English and other patterns

Mahogany oak dining-tables, 70 x 50,

Massive pedestal tray and stand toilet glasses

Marble slab and box frame, oval and arched top dressing

ditty ditto

1 case gilded-framed photos, assorted, new subjects

1 ditto ditto ditto

1 ditto very various oil paintings, by English artists, in
gold and silvered frames

1 ditto large gilt framed oleographs

1 ditto medallions, 10 keys, with trumpets

1 ditto inlaid piano mattings

Velvet brocade door mats

Tapestry and velvet door mats

6-4 coloured raps, green, morone, crimson

1 ditto prepared leather cloth

Curled hair, &c.

Preliminary Notice.

IN ENTIRE PACKAGES.

85 Cases and Boxes, by order of those concerned.

FLANNELL SHIRTINGS, CLOTHING, TWEDS, ALL-WOOL TROUSERS, WEST OF ENGLAND TROUSERS, COTTON, COTTON-CLOTH, WOOL, COTTON, LINEN, AMERICAN COTTON GOODY, TAPESTRY and BRUSSELS CARPETS, HEARTH RUGS and MATS, FELT HATS, &c.

Ex Ben Rydding, Gorham, and Gauntlett.

ON THURSDAY and FRIDAY next, 6th and 7th instant, at 11. To Warehouses, Drapers, Clothiers, and the Trade.

CHAS. MOORE and CO. will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 167, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY next, In view of new goods, as above.

IN ORIGINAL PACKAGES.

Particulars and slips on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, March, 6th

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE

by order of those concerned.

VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS, by the most celebrated artists of the day, in MASSIVELY GOLD FRAMES, will take place on WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH, and ACKMAN, AUCTIONEERS, 141, Pitt-street, under instructions from Messrs. BARRON, MOXHAM, and CO.

HARRIS and ACKMAN have been favoured with instructions from Messrs. BARRON, MOXHAM, and CO. to sell, at their Rooms, 141, Pitt-street, on WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH, at 11 a.m.,

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that has ever been submitted for public competition in this hemisphere.

In collection of artists, amateurs, collectors, connoisseurs, ladies and gentlemen, brokers, &c., &c., to the collection, which the auctioneers candidly assert was one of the most popular visited by thousands of people, who were attracted by the variety of subjects, especially to artists' homes and countries to secure these pieces of art without the cost, or account, of an American artist, and the like, France, Germany, Russia, Spain, Holland, Sicily, and every State of America, this beautiful, and to the artist's eye, most attractive collection, will be sold by auction, and conversation among those tested and feelings delighted in all that is softening to the heart and beautiful to the eye.

All that is touching in these countries, the fine Arts Committee of our patriotic friends, will have opportunity, which may never occur again, of adding to their collections, and helping the foundation of a NATIONAL GALLERY, which is to be the great repository of the history of this young country. THE SUBJECTS represented comprise—

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PAINTERS of the like.

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Funerals.

THIS FRIENDS of the late Mr. WILLIAM SMITH are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, THIS DAY, at 1 P.M., to move from his late residence, Fourth-street, Woolloomooloo, to the Waterloo Cemetery. T. DIXON, Undertaker, Oxford-street.

THIS FRIENDS of Mr. JAMES NICHOLAS, of Sydney, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his son, Mr. JAMES NICHOLAS SMITH, Esq., 178 (Mon day) A.P.TERNON ; to move from his late residence, 21, Pitt-street, Woolloomooloo, at 3 o'clock, to the Waterloo Cemetery. T. DIXON, Undertaker, Oxford-street.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, MANCHESTER UNITY, Loyd's House of Denmark Lodge, No. 38.

The Officers and Brethren of the above Lodge, together with the Officers of the various other Lodges are invited to attend the Funeral of our Brother, THOMAS FROTHORPE, Esq., deceased, on Friday, March 9, at 1 P.M., to move from his late residence, 21, Pitt-street, Woolloomooloo, at half-past 3 o'clock sharp, THIS DAY.

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